



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 236 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 13, 2020, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.3 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 13, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through June 13, 2020 for the United States were 4.45 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending					
	May 9, 2020	May 16, 2020	May 23, 2020	May 30, 2020	June 6, 2020	June 13, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	32,163	32,963	33,016	33,312	32,911	32,915
Arkansas	22,279	22,966	22,963	23,060	23,471	23,594
Delaware	4,962	4,976	5,120	5,056	5,021	5,016
Florida	1,163	1,163	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia	33,746	34,324	34,393	34,334	34,257	34,606
Kentucky	7,652	7,659	7,484	6,536	7,494	7,469
Louisiana	3,093	3,244	3,365	3,486	3,410	3,501
Maryland	8,080	8,129	8,063	8,087	8,120	8,359
Mississippi	16,442	16,669	17,117	17,021	17,304	17,380
Missouri	9,022	8,958	9,102	9,069	9,070	9,031
North Carolina	23,769	21,381	24,787	24,081	24,776	25,334
Oklahoma	6,805	7,276	7,492	7,014	7,375	6,934
Pennsylvania	5,972	6,160	6,167	6,308	6,251	5,911
South Carolina	5,510	5,594	5,812	6,066	5,752	5,709
Texas	17,852	17,662	17,581	18,002	17,979	17,909
Virginia	6,184	6,017	6,367	6,425	6,381	6,425
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,282	12,873	13,058	12,956	12,929	13,283
Other States	11,823	11,367	11,450	11,748	11,360	11,335
United States	228,799	229,381	234,531	233,755	235,055	235,905
Percent of previous year	98	97	100	99	100	102

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending					
	May 9, 2020	May 16, 2020	May 23, 2020	May 30, 2020	June 6, 2020	June 13, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,650	23,232	22,944	23,652	23,915	24,372
Arkansas	20,600	19,474	21,163	20,848	21,372	20,526
Delaware	3,453	3,263	4,687	4,865	4,647	4,789
Florida	1,325	1,295	1,183	1,341	1,331	1,325
Georgia	24,426	26,404	26,256	26,488	27,038	27,159
Kentucky	5,770	5,473	6,246	6,935	6,270	5,942
Louisiana	2,606	2,687	2,747	2,763	2,849	2,961
Maryland	4,921	5,134	4,225	4,699	5,578	6,225
Mississippi	13,862	13,998	13,849	14,028	14,230	14,497
Missouri	4,971	5,368	5,900	5,949	6,998	6,642
North Carolina	17,744	14,744	19,827	20,008	17,854	20,284
Oklahoma	4,431	4,286	3,430	3,757	3,255	4,394
Pennsylvania	4,441	4,569	4,176	4,390	4,429	4,462
South Carolina	5,297	4,607	5,075	4,475	4,857	5,075
Texas	14,338	14,202	14,018	14,457	14,388	14,644
Virginia	4,977	5,539	5,735	5,994	5,411	5,078
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,026	10,152	10,681	10,649	11,769	11,605
Other States	8,916	9,136	8,920	9,081	8,869	9,094
United States	176,754	173,563	181,062	184,379	185,060	189,074
Percent of previous year	93	91	96	97	97	99

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

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